of Registration, the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly members and the Legislative Council member of the taluk should be appointed.

Lastly, the inhabitants of Vellarada were put to much inconvenience on account of the abolition of the local Police outpost. There was a market near by and crimes were frequent. The outpost should therefore be re-established. It would be useful not only to the inhabitants of the Neyyattinkara taluk but also to those of some *pakuthies* of the Vilavankod taluk.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Padmanabha Pillai, I am very sorry I have not got the necessary information before me in order to give an answer to all the points referred to by you. The only point on which I am in a position to give you a reply now is about the Puvar bridge. The Chief Engineer tells me that it will cost about half a lakh of rupees; he also holds the view that the present traffic on the road is not sufficient to justify the expenditure of such a large amount for the construction of a bridge on that road.

With regard to the other points, I shall have a separate reply sent to you by the Chief Secretary.

90. Needs of the Neyyattinkara taluk.

MR. S. PADMANABHA AIYAR (*Neyyattinkara taluk, Group II*) said that the question of opening a road from the 4th mile of the Trivandrum-Kovilam road to the 4th mile of the Pallichal-Vizhinjam road was pressed at ten previous sessions of the Assembly. The inhabitants of the locality were willing to give up the lands required for the road to a width of 40 feet free of compensation and memorials had also been submitted to the Government to that effect in Karkatakam 1101. The preliminary survey was over but the work was not begun.

The Balaramapuram-Vizhinjam road was as important as a main road. The wheeled traffic was heavy, but during the rainy season the road was not fit for cart traffic. Even pedestrians found it difficult to use the road. It should therefore be metalled.

The Sub-Registrar's office at Venganur should be removed to Balaramapuram. The territorial jurisdiction of the Sub-Registrars' offices was not properly fixed as a result of which much confusion and inconvenience had been caused to the people. It would be desirable to appoint a committee to enquire into the question of jurisdiction of Sub-Registrars and suggest the necessary revision. In the meantime the seal and name of the Venganur Sub-Registrar's office should be changed.

Much inconvenience and annoyance were caused to the people on account of the existing location of the Niramankarai night-soil depôt. People could not freely use the Tiruvallam road. The depôt was also contaminating the water in the Karamanai river, being situated only half a furlong away, and thereby causing injury to the numerous people using the river for bathing purposes. Formerly, the night-soil used to be incinerated. But subsequently the practice was changed and it was being deposited in pits. Not only that, melons produced there in abundance were being sold to the people. That was the source of elephantiasis and other allied diseases, which were unknown before the location of the depôt at Niramankarai. The place was thickly populated, and it was essential that the depôt was removed elsewhere.

The bund on the eastern side of the culvert at Korandikara was of no practical use as it could not prevent the overflow of water from Karamanai river during the rainy season and consequently the crops in the Kari and the Koliakod *yelas* were much affected. In view to prevent such overflow, the level of the bund should be raised.

Puvar was subject to all sorts of epidemic diseases. It was a dirty place thickly populated by Mahomedans and Christians. The nearest hospital was the Mission hospital at Nellikakuzhi, which was of no help to the public. The nearest Government hospital was at Neyyattinkara, 6 miles off. It was very inconvenient to take patients to such distant hospitals. It was therefore necessary to open a hospital at Puvar. Incidentally, the member pointed out that doctors posted to the

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Neyyattinkara hospital were very often transferred. It should be ruled that doctors should be transferred only once in three years.

The constuction of the pathway from Payadu to Vellanad was incomplete. Of the total length of 4 miles, only one mile had been finished. The existing pathway was very useful to the inhabitants of Karod, Chevallur, Payad, Mazhavankod and other places but transport of articles along the trace was very difficult. The pathway should be completed without further delay and converted into a cart-road.

The need for repairing the Uruttambalam-Malayinkil road had been pressed at the previous session of the Assembly. Although a sum of Rs. 2,000 had been provided in the budget for this purpose, no money was actually spent. The allotment should be utilised without further delay and the road converted into a cart-road.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Padmanabha Aiyar, in regard to the first item of your representation, I know that the people have agreed to surrender the land free. An estimate has been drawn up for the construction of a road from the 4th mile on the Trivandrum-Kovilam road to the Pallichal-Vizhinjam road, and instructions will be given to the Chief Engineer to proceed with its construction as soon as the estimate is sanctioned.

As regards the metalling of the Balaramapuram-Vizhinjam road, an estimate for Rs. 5,730 has already been sanctioned to re-gravel the first four miles and the Chief Engineer hopes to have two miles at least done this year, and the rest as soon, after that, as possible.

I am afraid the Sub-Registrar's office cannot be removed from where it is situated as it is the most central part of the *pakuthies* there.

MEMBER: We only want that the name of the seal Balaramapuram be changed.

DEWAN: That can easily be done and I do not think the Assembly need trouble itself about it.

Then as regards the night-soil depôt I suppose somebody will be complaining, *i. e.*, if it is transferred from here to another place, the people of that locality will complain, and we shall never have the incinerator anywhere. That being the case, I am afraid I could not do anything about that.

MEMBER: Most of the people of the Trivandrum town come there for bath. I understand that elephantiasis and other nasty diseases break out as a result of constant bathing in the river water close by, which is said to be contaminated.

DEWAN: If you go to a doctor he will tell you the reasons for the disease. He will ascribe it to "philaria bacilli"; he will say that the incinerator method will destroy all bacilli.

As regards the construction of a bund to the east of the culvert at Korandikarai the Chief Engineer will send one of his officers to inspect the place with you and see what can be done.

The Administrative Board is very clearly of opinion that a hospital at Puvar is quite unnecessary as there is a well-equipped hospital six miles away at Neyyattinkara.

Regarding the completion of the lane from Payadu to Vellanad, the Chief Engineer says that an estimate has been submitted to Government about twenty days back; it is in various stages of progress.

MEMBER: I understand that no work is in progress.

DEWAN: It was only twenty days back he submitted an estimate to Government and as soon as it gets sanctioned he will begin the work.

91. Needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

MR. T. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Member, Trivandrum taluk, Group I*) thanked the Government for opening a Police charging station at Poojapurai as a result

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